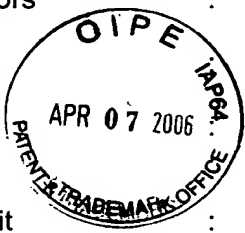


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Inventors : Hirofumi Taketsu et al.  
Issued : June 14, 2005  
Title : FUEL TANK MADE FROM ALUMINUM COATED  
STEEL SHEET  
Art Unit : 2661  
Examiner : Steven Blount  
Docket No. : 2204-002012  
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**RESPONSE TO DENIAL OF  
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Sir:

On November 22, 2005, Patentees petitioned for the waiving of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §3.81 so that a Certificate of Correction may be granted under 37 C.F.R. §1.323. The Petition was accompanied by the required \$130.00 Petition fee as well as a Request for Certificate of Correction and the \$100.00 Certificate fee required because the name of the second Assignee was unintentionally left off the Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTO-85B.

On December 2, 2005, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a Denial to our request stating that the request should have included the processing fee of \$130.00. Applicants feel that this Denial issued in error since Applicants complied with all of the procedures and paid the fees required in order to have a Certificate of Correction issue in this case. On January 10, 2006, a Certificate of Correction was issued which corrected the other errors contained in our Request for Certificate of Correction of Patent. This Certificate

will be returned upon the issuance of a new Certificate of Correction containing these corrections as well as the corrected Assignee information.

Applicants are submitting copies of all of the previously submitted paperwork as well as copies of the checks accompanying the Request for Certificate of Correction and Petition for Suspension of Rules. Although the required fees were previously submitted, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650.

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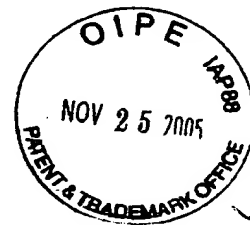
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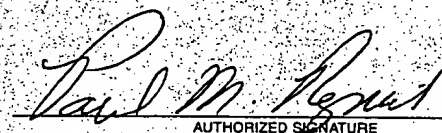
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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT

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ATTENTION: Decision and Certificate of Correction  
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Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §§254 and 255, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and a copy of proof of errors and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following errors appear in the patent as printed:

- 1) Face of the patent, See Item (73) Assignee, : after "Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd., Tokyo (JP)", add – **Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha, Tokyo (JP)** –  
(See Assignment Recordation Form dated July 12, 2001 and Assignment which was recorded March 23, 2001. The second Assignee was not listed on the Issue Fee Payment Transmittal and was not printed on the issued patent.)
- 2) Face of Patent, See (56) References Cited, FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS, the sixth reference in Column 2, "JP 10272582 10/1997" should read – JP 10272582 10/1998 –  
(See IDS dated 02/05/2002 and the International Search Report.)
- 3) Column 15, Line 19, Claim 1, "the resin film is having" should read – the resin film having –  
(See the Amendment filed 02/05/2004, page 3, Claim 1, Line 6.)

Error No. 1) is an error made by Applicants. A check for \$100.00 is attached to cover the fee for correction of Applicants' mistake. The remaining errors are printing errors.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Face of Patent, See Item (73) Assignee: after "Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd., Tokyo (JP)", add -- Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha, Tokyo (JP) --

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Patentees hereby petition for the waiving of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 3.81 so that a Certificate of Correction may be granted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.323. Due to a good faith and inadvertent error made by Applicants in Item 3 of the Issue Fee Transmittal, the name of the second assignee was omitted.

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The assignees are: --Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd. and Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha-- and each has a place of business in Tokyo, Japan. The Assignment was recorded on March 23, 2001, at Reel/Frame 011736/0671. A copy of the Assignment is enclosed herewith.

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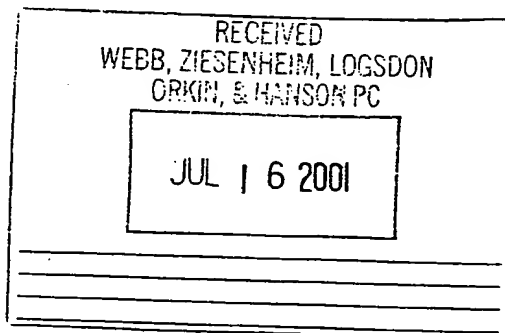
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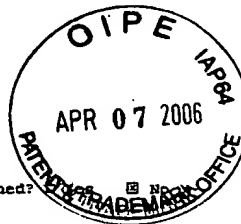
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